may conduct any operation over a route unless nonvisual ground aids are—

- (1) Available over the route for navigating airplanes within the degree of accuracy required for ATC; and
- (2) Located to allow navigation to any airport of destination, or alternate airport, within the degree of accuracy necessary for the operation involved.
- (b) Nonvisual ground aids are not required for—
- (1) Day VFR operations that can be conducted safely by pilotage because of the characteristics of the terrain;
- (2) Night VFR operations on lighted airways or on routes that the Administrator determines have reliable landmarks adequate for safe operation; or
- (3) Operations on route segments where the use of celestial or other specialized means of navigation is approved.
- (c) Except for those aids required for routes to alternate airports, the non-visual ground navigational aids that are required for approved of routes outside of controlled airspace are specified in the certificate holder's operations specifications.

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## § 121.123 Servicing maintenance facilities.

Each certificate holder conducting supplemental operations must show that competent personnel and adequate facilities and equipment (including spare parts, supplies, and materials) are available for the proper servicing, maintenance, and preventive maintenance of aircraft and auxliary equipment.

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## §121.125 Flight following system.

- (a) Each certificate holder conducting supplemental operations must show that it has—
- (1) An approved flight following system established in accordance with subpart U of this part and adequate for the proper monitoring of each flight, considering the operations to be conducted: and
- (2) Flight following centers located at those points necessary—

(i) To ensure the proper monitoring of the progress of each flight with respect to its departure at the point of origin and arrival at its destination, including intermediate stops and diversions therefrom, and maintenance or mechanical delays encountered at those points or stops; and

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- (ii) To ensure that the pilot in command is provided with all information necessary for the safety of the flight.
- (b) A certificate holder conducting supplemental operations may arrange to have flight following facilities provided by persons other than its employees, but in such a case the certificate holder continues to be primarily responsible for operational control of each flight.
- (c) A flight following system need not provide for in-flight monitoring by a flight following center.
- (d) The certificate holder's operations specifications specify the flight following system it is authorized to use and the location of the centers.

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## § 121.127 Flight following system; requirements.

- (a) Each certificate holder conducting supplemental operations using a flight following system must show that—
- (1) The system has adequate facilities and personnel to provide the information necessary for the initiation and safe conduct of each flight to—
- (i) The flight crew of each aircraft; and
- (ii) The persons designated by the certificate holder to perform the function of operational control of the aircraft; and
- (2) The system has a means of communication by private or available public facilities (such as telephone, telegraph, or radio) to monitor the progress of each flight with respect to its departure at the point of origin and arrival at its destination, including intermediate stops and diversions therefrom, and maintenance or mechanical delays encountered at those points or stops.
- (b) The certificate holder conducting supplemental operations must show